

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action mailed on January 16, 2007.

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Election

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects, **WITH traverse**, the invention of the alleged **Group I**, having Claims 1-13, 18-31, 33-34, 38-41, 43-51, 53-54, 58, 61, 63-81, 88-119, 126-148 and 155-162.

Traversal

For the reasons provided hereinbelow, the Restriction Requirement made within the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2007 is respectfully **traversed**.

No burden to the Examiner

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. §803.

Specifically, practice and procedures within USPTO also dictate that not only must the art be searched within which the invention claimed is classifiable, but also all analogous arts regardless of where classified. M.P.E.P. § 904.01(c).

Here, the Restriction Requirement contends that the alleged Group I and Group II are both classified in class 345.

As such, the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, and the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. §803.

Withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement and examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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